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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Economic Research

SUBJECT : Meeting of Publications Officers to Plan  
Specifications for New MTST to be Used  
for NIS Contributions

1. Following your decision that OER's NIS contributions be  
typed and taped in St/P for submission to OBG, I called a meeting  
of publications officers from other Agency components [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] to (a) discuss the use of the MTST for the  
preparation of manuscripts to be used ultimately in the EPIC  
system, (b) make certain that the specifications of the new MTST  
to be leased by OER for NIS work are consistent with OBG's  
needs and at the same time compatible with those of other MTST's  
in the DDI area, and (c) discuss in general terms the use of MTST  
tape as an input to the new IBM MTSC (magnetic tape selectric  
composer).

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3. The following information emerged from the discussion:

(a) The standard MTST equipped with red and black  
fabric ribbon and modified to operate with the EPIC typing  
element is the type most suitable for preparing NIS manu-  
scripts. [REDACTED] is ordering a machine with these  
specifications for St/P; OCI is also ordering a machine of  
this type. DD/S & T, which is using its MTST for other  
special applications as well as for NIS work, has a slightly  
different set of specifications. IBM expects to make  
delivery of St/P's MTST early in December.

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(b) St/P's new typist ( [REDACTED] ) is scheduled to EOD early in January. Allowing time for Agency orientation and MTST training at IBM, Mrs. [REDACTED] could be ready to begin processing NIS contributions around the first of March.

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(c) The question of acquiring the special EPIC typing element has been resolved. The Agency has purchased 25 elements at \$30 per unit from the Camwill Company. St/P will use two units: one for regular use on the new MTST and one for emergency back-up.

(d) OCI now has on hand a manual version of the new MTSC composer. OER has had one on order for a number of months and delivery is expected in December. The computerized linkage between the MTST and the composing unit will be put on the market by IBM in the first quarter of 1968; OCI and OER are both scheduled for early delivery, once the machines become available.

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(e) The chief virtues of the MTSC include high-quality printed copy, automatic justified margins, and the complete interchangeability of a wide variety of type styles and sizes. For the time being, OER and OCI will experiment with the new equipment on one-of-a-kind jobs. By the end of 1968, [REDACTED] and I should be able to make a decision as to the feasibility of using the MTSC for routine IM's and IR's.

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Chief  
Publications Staff

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